

term credits to the affiliated primary societies and of all House-Building Societies in the State. The Bank during the year showed improved paid-up Share Capital, Reserve Fund and Working

**Societies—Agricultural.**—The number of societies in the class was 1,815 (1,803), excluding 77 Land Mortgage Societies with a total membership of 95,160 and a total working capital of Rs. 61,38,048 (722). Of these societies, 1,674 were ordinary societies, 27 Agricultural Supply Societies, 47 Marketing Societies, the Malnad Areca Marketing Society, the Shimoga, the Anchanahalli Cardamom Society, Unlimited, Saklespur, the Arsikere Copra Marketing Society, Limited, the Saklespur Society, Limited, the Arsikere Cotton Marketing Society, Limited, and the Ganjam Fig Marketing Society, Limited, Seringapatam, deserve special mention for their good work. Most of the Grain Banks have ceased to function as the loans previously made to the members in the shape of grain were not consequent on the passing of the Grains Procurement Act by Government.

**Non-Agricultural Societies.**—There were 648 (643) non-Agricultural Societies at the end of the year, including 421 Institutions, 152 Consumers Societies, 46 Weavers and Industrial Societies and 8 Miscellaneous Institutions. The total membership of 1,23,657 (1,22,420) and a total capital of Rs. 2,31,47,002 (Rs. 217,04,542). Besides the Consumers Societies, as many as 406 ordinary Credit Societies in urban and rural areas, continued to underwrite the distribution of controlled articles and food-grains. The Government of Food and Civil Supplies have recognised these Societies as suitable agencies for the distribution of goods to the public. The appreciation by the public of the services rendered by these institutions, evidenced by the incessant demand for membership in the defunct Consumers Societies and for more societies of this kind in the rural areas, is a hopeful augury for the future development of distributive co-operation.

Employees' Societies, numbering 206, also did good work in this direction. Among the Depressed Class Societies, 151, the Chikkanahalli and Malvalli Cobblers' Societies and the Doddasiddavanahalli and Sondekola Adisocieties registered good progress. Some of these Societies deputed their members to the Bangalore Industrial Training Institute for training in the manufacture of leather goods. The interest of this class of societies is engaging the attention of the Government.

**Mortgage Scheme.**—Besides the Mysore Central Land Mortgage Bank, Limited, 77 Primary Land Mortgage Societies were functioning at the close of the year in 4 sub-taluks and a portion of one taluk. The bank reports that the societies are reported to have worked satisfactorily in the year, improvement being registered under almost all sub-taluks. In spite of the fact that the rayats showed less disposition to borrow money from the societies on account of the rise in the prices of agricultural commodities. Even so, thanks to the increasing popularity of those societies, the loans issued by the bank amounted to Rs. 8'17 lakhs as compared with Rs. 5'93 lakhs in 1945-46. The scheme was extended to Molakalmuru, Heggaddevanakote and Periyapatna Taluks and Jahagir during the year.

**operation in the Malnad.**—During the year under review there were 438 (443) societies including 17 Land Mortgage Societies functioning in the Malnad. They had a total membership of 40,315 (35,712), with share capital, reserve and working capital amounting to Rs. 9,81,026 (8,708), Rs. 10,28,653 (Rs. 10,75,356), and Rs. 47,49,648 (57,944) respectively. The Reserve Fund of these societies amounted to Rs. 6,93,185 (Rs. 6,30,780) and they realised a nett profit of Rs. 1,27,630 (Rs. 1,73,527) during the year.

**disputes and Litigations.**—The disposal of disputes during the year formed 85'2 per cent of the total number that had to be disposed of, as against 80'1 per cent in the previous year. The number of decrees pending execution at the end of the year was 216 as against 6,105 of the previous year. In spite of

the special staff sanctioned by the Revenue Commissioner for the execution of the decrees of the co-operative societies in certain taluks, the progress achieved was not satisfactory. Government observe that it is necessary that more vigorous steps should be taken both by the Co-operative and the Revenue Departments to reduce the large pendency under this head during the current year.

**The Small Savings Scheme.**—This scheme was introduced in August 1944, and a Special Officer of the grade of an Assistant Registrar was appointed to assist the Registrar in this work. The total value of the National Savings Certificates purchased in the State since the introduction of the scheme up to the end of June 1947 was Rs. 60,76,955 which testifies to the increasing popularity of this useful form of investment with the general public.

**Cost of Administration.**—The expenditure on the working of the department during the year amounted to Rs. 2,09,006. The societies also spent a sum of Rs. 7,14,131 on management charges.

The working of the department during the year was on the whole satisfactory.

Government are glad to observe that the co-operative movement is steadily gaining ground, both in the rural and urban areas of the State and that the department has been working out a number of development schemes calculated to enhance its popularity and extend its sphere of influence and usefulness. With the ushering of the new era, they expect that this improving tendency will manifest itself in a far greater manner and spread its beneficence to every nook and corner of the State.

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#### RAILWAY RECRETARIAT

#### Reconstitutes the Mysore State Railway Local Advisory Committee for a period of two years from 25th April 1948.

READ.—

Government Order No. R. S. 2696-746—Ry. F. 224 of 46-47, dated 25th April 1948, constituting the Mysore State Railway Local Advisory Committee, for a period of two years.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. A. 646, dated 1st March 1948, from the General Manager, Mysore State Railway, Mysore, regarding constituting the above Committee, for a further period of two years.

ORDER NO. R. S. 3781-890—Ry. F. 224 OF 47-48, DATED BANGALORE, THE 31st MARCH 1948.

Government are pleased to reconstitute the Mysore State Railway Local Advisory Committee, with the following members, for a period of two years, with effect from 25th April 1948:—

1. The General Manager, Mysore State Railway. (Chairman.)
2. The Director of Agriculture in Mysore, Bangalore.
3. The Director of Industries and Commerce in Mysore, Bangalore.
4. The President, City Municipal Council, Bangalore City.
5. The President, District Board, Mysore.
6. The President, District Board, Kolar.
7. The President, Mysore Chamber of Commerce Bangalore.
8. Srimati Sunandamma, Member, Representative Assembly, Mysore.
9. Mr. M. Shankariah, B.A., LL.B., Lawyer, Mysore.
10. Mr. Channiah Wadiyar, B.A., LL.B., Chitaldrug.
11. Mr. A. G. Ramachandra Rao, B.A., LL.B., Hassan.
12. Mr. Narayana Gowd, Member, Representative Assembly, Kolar District.
13. Mr. T. C. Basappa, B.A., Merchant, Tarikere.

The First Assistant to the General Manager, Mysore State Railway, Mysore, will be the Secretary of the Committee.

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